

CHURCH  
Fort Herkimer (1740-1767)  
Herkimer, New York

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Following the settlement of the Palatines, of Protestant faith, on the German Flats (from 1720 to 1725), they here built a log church, and organized this society, probably about 1723. This was the beginning of the Fort Herkimer Reformed Dutch Church. It is probable that a log church was built at present Herkimer at about the same time.

Sept. 24, 1730, Nicholas Welleven (Woolever) transferred to the church organization, Lot. No. 30 of the original Burnetsfield Patent of 1725, which he drew in the original allotment. This is the church lot on which the present structure stands and the first work on the edifice was probably begun soon after the granting of the deed. Appeals for church building~~s~~ funds were made in 1730, 1746 and 1751, but its building lagged until after the great French War (1754-1760).

The stone walls of the church were of a sufficient height so that it formed a subsidiary fortification of Colonial Fort Herkimer (1756-1760), and it was a neighborhood refuge in the French-Indian attacks of 1757 and 1758.

Following the British victory in the French-Indian war a petition was sent to Sir Henry Moore, Governor of New York ~~SIXTE~~ for permission to solicit subscriptions to complete the church. Over the original church entrance on the river or north side of the building is the inscription "J.H.E. 1767", referring to John Jost Herkimer, its builder and the date of its completion. This is one of the State's most historic buildings.

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Built in 1767.

A log church was first built by the

Academy organization located 14 S.E. On date

24. 1730 Richard Wilkinson transferred to

the church to organize, for the use of the

original Barmettal Patent of 1725. This

is the location of the present church

block on the church started soon after

which it was finished in 1780, 1781

In 1781 but the building had stood

after the fire in 1768. The

church had been built by the Indians in 1768

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1767 this report to John Cook  
Hectorino, ~~the builder~~ against construction  
He & his wife are buried close to them  
Chapel ~~now~~ - The pastor of the  
church, the brother Rosecrantz was  
buried under the original site of the  
pastority, south end of the building. A number  
of graves are in the subcellar, probably under  
what used to be, probably a portion  
of what is now the church.

Epitaphs buried there showing the  
Revolution - Giving the Rev. in a word

After the Revolution and before the American War  
Plays them in 1796 by Dr. C. Biggs  
Epitaphs buried under the floor of the  
Chapel July 1783

It was built in 1767 in Riga, N.Y.  
If you except the great Revolution may be long  
at various times

The old stone church was originally  
built 48' x 58' by 17' high with

stuck out & combed staple

For 1812 the church was enlarged

and altered, raising same to a height

of 56 feet, entrance changed and

the pulpit & the sounding board

placed in the east end - In 1887

a new bell was placed in the tower

of the gallery raised over - In 1795

local patriots here erected liberty

pole and flag - The flag flying when

came from Philadelphia with Washington

and his army. The pole still stands.

John Brown was the 1<sup>st</sup> Consecration

of the pulpit -

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